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MOSTLY PERSONAL

Some people are the quiet sort—Of them we are unaware,Until the darkened hour comesAnd shows them shining there.

Kentucky's Thanksgiving Day.

Highland Masonic Lodge had a special meeting to confer degrees Tuesday night.

Sam Spencer is steadily gaining and getting more and more action in his arm.

W. O. Blair, who was in bed all last week fighting pneumonia, is able to be out a little.

The annual drive for the sale of Christmas Seals to combat tuberculosis begins tomorrow.

Mrs. Leona Rose visited a few days last week at Liberty Road with her aunt, Mrs. Fanny Wheeler.

A period of cut rates for Courier Journal, Louisville Times and the Lexington papers is in prospect.

Cannal Coal from Rush Branch. Block coal \$3.25; Small coal \$2.00.

Luther Adkins, West Liberty, Ky.

The Young People will assemble at the Methodist church Sunday night at 8:15 for their regular worship hour.

Work on the water works project here has been closed down. It is hoped that work can be resumed very soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Elliott and children spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Elie Elliott, of Straight Creek.

We are indebted to Miss Mable Brown of Pleasant Run for a generous gift from her summer's crop of popcorn.

Miss Nell Caskey continues to improve. She now walks about in the house and sits up sometimes two hours at a time.

Hunting for both rabbit and quail is reported good. We hope the good season will not tempt any hunter to exceed his limit of game.

Aunt Anne Lacy, who had been visiting relatives here for several weeks, went to Grayson a few days ago where she will visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bradley and Mrs. Rhodes Bradley of Ashland spent the latter part of last week with friends and relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Ova Black and sons spent the latter part of the week with relatives in Muncie, Indiana. They enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hall.

Opening of the tobacco buying season will be December 11 for Lexington and all other places in the state. December 12. Market is expected to be fairly uniform as to price throughout the season.

What is your favorite magazine? you will probably find it in our clubbing offers printed this week. If not there we can make out a club for you to include any paper or magazine. Tell us what you want.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Litteral spent the week end with Mrs. Litteral's son, Leroy Roman and family, of Trenton, Ohio. She also visited her daughters, Mrs. Russell Hylton and Mrs. Dock Johnson, of Middletown.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Steele and three children of Colton, Ohio, came in one night last week and visited that night and the next day with Mr. and Mrs. Drexel Nickell. Del McNamee and daughter accompanied them home.

Bruce Fairchild moved his family from his farm a few miles below town, to his property here in the west part of town recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Peyton, the latter part of the week, so the children would be near school.

Regular preaching services will be held at the Methodist church Sunday. The morning services are at 11 with pastor, Kenneth Clay, preaching. Evening services at 7:30 with Rev. W. B. Arbery, pastor.

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THANKSGIVING

"Over The River and Through The Woods" still is the route to Thanksgiving Day dinner for many, but the way has been blazed with a modern highway and a motor car provides the means of transportation.

Thanksgiving, 1939, finds the American people about to complete 250 billion miles of motor transportation for the year. To the many American families who use their cars for business and pleasure, and to the six and a half million people looking to the motor industry for support, this fact presents a strong reason for giving thanks.

This movement of vehicles over the highways is 70 billion miles a year more than it was in prosperous 1929, even though the nation has experienced a siege of depression years.

Behind that figure of increased highway usage is a compelling story of some of the gains made by the American people, both in material goods and improved way of living, against the hardships of world depression.

Almost imperceptibly a new freedom of movement for both individuals and goods has contributed to changes which make living better today for millions of people despite the serious problems that still beset the nation.

Two million more people are operating passenger cars today than in the lush days of '29, and almost a million more trucks are serving the farmer and the business man. In a country which owns nearly 70 percent of the world's automobiles, two out of every three families in the United States now own a private car.

More lasting cars at lower prices, combined with a greater opportunity for using the vehicles, has made possible this expansion of ownership in a period of reduced national income.

Today the country has well over a million miles of surfaced roads of all kinds—nearly double the number it had ten years ago.

A vast step-up in operating efficiency of trucks and buses during the past decade met the commanding need for economy in depression times and in so doing opened up new concepts of transport flexibility, as well as new sources and new markets for goods. One direct result of this trend has been reduced prices for many useful goods, putting them in reach of millions of families formerly doing without, and perhaps of considerable Thanksgiving significance is the definite sign of brighter times as the American Automobile Association estimates 52,500,000 people took motor vacations during 1939, spending on their way \$5,000,000,000, or a billion more than went for the same purpose in 1929. Into the pockets of families with spare bedding and a "Tourist Rooms" shingle went a sizeable proportion of the 200,000,000 additional dollars spent by motor travellers this year for accommodations.

And the National Park Service, which built roads through parks close to centers of population, records three times as many visitors in 1939 as in 1929. Nearly 7,000,000 people put the parks on their vacation itinerary this year, giving real application to the slogan "See America First!"

"DRIVE SO YOU CAN GIVE THANKS NEXT YEAR"

MORGAN COUNTY

FISH AND GAME CLUB
All members belonging to our Fish and Game club should be proud to know that we received about 2600 Large Mouth Bass from the Federal and State Hatcheries.

This liberal donation was made possible by the farmers and leading citizens organizing a local fish and game club.

The following streams were restocked because of their adaptability to bass. Elkfork, Grassy Creek, Blackwater and Norfolk. It is hoped that the farmers and sportsmen will cooperate in protecting these game fish. If the Kentucky Fish and Game Commission has any knowledge that the stream will be sealed it prohibits the restocking of that stream, therefore, it behooves every one to help keep the violators away from the stream.

The Fish and Game is planning to apply for 400 pair of quail to be placed in the county next spring. We have some tentative plans to and in cooperation with the National Youth Administration to operate a quail hatchery.

The Courier for Grade A homes,

The Youth in Business

By C. E. Johnston

Dean, Schools of Business
International Correspondence
Schools

MANY young persons enter the business world each year poorly equipped to face the keen competition which they find on every side. It is easy to give these youngsters general advice. In fact most of those seeking for the first time get too much advice but not enough real aid in overcoming particular difficulties. Any intelligent youth knows that he must have some specific training before he can expect to obtain a job in an office. Few executives today have the time or inclination to teach beginners the elementary facts of business. Any concern rightly anticipates that applicants for employment will come to it at least partially trained.

We will take it for granted that the applicant for a job has some knowledge of business principles before he seeks a position. What else must he possess to obtain success in the business world? Perhaps the most important thing is the right mental attitude. Many young men are ambitious and full of enthusiasm. They want to go places in a hurry. But their ambition is purely selfish and personal, and takes the form of desiring a wage increase every few months and frequent advances in rank. They are working for themselves, not for the company. Such men must realize that they cannot go far until their viewpoint is changed. They must learn that the good of the company must be their first consideration and must come to find satisfaction in contributing to its progress rather than in their own private advancement.

SOIL IMPROVEMENT PAYS FARMERS BIG DIVIDENDS

NINETY-ONE cents out of every dollar which the manufacturer of commercial fertilizer receives from the sale of his product is used to defray the costs of producing that fertilizer. The remaining nine cents has to take care of taxes and insurance, of depreciation of the factory and equipment, of interest and profits.

A survey of the cost of producing mixed fertilizer in representative plants throughout the United States revealed that of each dollar received by the producer for materials, labor costs took another seven cents and other direct manufacturing costs took 17 cents more.

All things considered, commercial fertilizer is about the lowest priced commodity the farmer buys.

BONNY

Nov. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. George Williams spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Pone Pieratt.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Couch spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elie Henry.

Miss Marie Little spent Saturday night and Sunday with her mother, Willie Lue Little.

Miss Irene Pieratt spent Saturday at Ezel.

Bu Traylor spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kelse Henry and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sheets of West Liberty spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Shilo Vest.

Cecil Henry and Anna Henry made a business trip to Wolfe county one day last week.

Miss Helen O. Price is again in her place as linotypist.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Prayer meeting and song service at 7 o'clock every Thursday night.

Sunday school at 11 o'clock a.m. Lord's Supper the first Sunday night in each month.

Preaching services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. every Sunday.

Everybody is invited to attend these services, "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together."

ROSCO BRONG, Pastor

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible school each Sunday at 10 a.m. Preaching service by Pastor, Dr. G. C. Banks the second and fourth Sundays in each month at 11 a.m.

COURIER ADLETS

FOR RENT: Good house with gas and light in east end of West Liberty. See Tredway's Cash Store.

REGISTERED Longeared black and tan Fox and Coon Hound pups, ten dollars C. O. D. Hubert Winders, Friday into an apartment in Chalmers, Hagertown, Maryland.

TASK OF DEMOCRACY

In an address before the Congress on Democracy which held a three day session at Lakeland, Fla., on the occasion of the dedication of the Chair of Democracy at Florida Southern College, Paul V. McNutt, Federal Social Security Administrator, said that the haunting fear of insecurity was "to America a menace more grave than the threat of an invading foe." The elimination of this menace, he said, "is required for the establishment of the basic conditions under which the free men live adequately."

"This is a task," he continued, "which government must accomplish if we are not to become enveloped in the confusion and disorder which has seized so many parts of the world. To banish fear, then, is the task of the democratic process."

"It must not be forgotten that government is the last resort of an orderly community. The citizen looks to government when he is unable, otherwise, to escape the trap. When government fails, there is chaos."

"People of America are today looking to the government to solve the problem of economic insecurity and ill health. It has not been an easy thing to do. Americans have disliked to admit that a good man could not by his own efforts protect himself and his family against want. But with the evolution of the machine-age economy we are realizing that the individual cannot, unaided, provide such protection."

"To avoid disaster democracy must afford relief by extending political freedom to include, so far as possible, economic freedom by enlarged opportunity. The necessary steps in this process are, first, to provide guarantees of minimum security and, second, to extend facilities for the individual to help himself."

"Government cannot make all men equal. It can, however, make even the distribution of political power and establish standards of security within the limits of the nation's resources and technological facilities. It is perfectly feasible to establish an economic floor below which no American citizen, however otherwise unfortunate, can fall. The ultimate success of democracy will depend upon the maintenance of such a foundation."

New Power Company

Beginning yesterday the Kentucky West Virginia Power Company has become the responsible party for electric current in West Liberty, succeeding the Southern Public Service Company. The new company is under the management of very gentlemanly and competent officials and our people will find them easy to do business with.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors who were so kind and helpful during the illness and death of our dear Mother, Mrs. Clarinda Henry. We wish also to thank Brother Murphy, who had charge of the funeral.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES HENRY AND FAMILY, MRS. EVA LEWIS.

Thanksgiving Service

A community Thanksgiving service will be held at the Baptist church in West Liberty this morning at 10 o'clock. Pastor Rosco Brong will preach the sermon and Revs. Kenneth Clay and Harlan Murphy will assist in the services. A community choir directed by Carl Reeves will furnish special singing.

Uncle Elijah and Aunt Mary Cochran moved the last of the week from Glen Avenue to the first floor apartment in W. H. Manker's residence on West Prestonsburg Street.

Dr. Harold Nickell took his wife to St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, yesterday afternoon. Her pneumonia seems to be a light attack, but, she is running a high temperature.

Tilman Lewis and family of Illinois are here visiting relatives at Wrigley and Blaze and will be in town tomorrow with his sister, Mrs. W. O. Blair and husband.

Mrs. Ella Ruth Elam has been in a Lexington hospital for the past three weeks, undergoing an appendectomy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lacy moved from their home in Lexington, Ky., into an apartment in Chalmers, Hagertown, Maryland.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

It's about time for the 1940 calendars to make their appearance.

Mistakes are not vital unless they are repeated and become habits.

You can rarely serve other people by doing all their thinking for them.

Many people talk and write about things that they do not understand.

Wisdom is what people talk about but what most intelligent men miss.

Most men can make good arguments about any subject if nobody takes the other side.

It's not the cost of food that counts, it's the cooking that makes people eat too much.

Every individual has an opportunity to regulate somebody—and we don't mean other people.

There is no reason why a member of a family group cannot be courteous and polite to other members of the same family.

Just because a human being stops growing around twenty-one there is nothing to prevent them from developing their intelligence.

Bankers who make loans on the basis of character often lose their money because they don't know character when they see it.

The COURIER distributes no free copies; if this newspaper is not worth its subscription price, you don't have to read it.

Business men in Morgan county who want better business in 1940 might find it profitable to understand the agricultural situation.

There is no room for a dictator in the United States; somehow the American people do not like being told that they must do anything.

Few human beings intentionally violate the Voice of God, they sometimes doubt the authenticity of those who claim to represent the Almighty.

Be charitable but use your intelligence before you give away your money; be sure that you really help somebody when you give them money.

Modern merchants take pride in selling goods as cheaply as possible and serve their community by making the consumer's dollar go as far as possible.

If every adult in West Liberty will see that some unfortunate child has a taste of human love and sympathy this will be the greatest Christmas of them all.

Every woman should have the right to work if she wants to. The day may come when every wife will support her husband in the manner to which he has been accustomed.

Town Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board of Trustees for December will be held at the office of the clerk, Dr. A. P. Gullett, on Tuesday evening, December 5, at 7 o'clock. Important business will come before the meeting and the newly elected members who will assume their duties in January are urged to be present at this meeting. Among other things the tax levy for next year will be voted.

F. S. BRONG, Chairman of Board of Trustees.

Old Fashion Candy Party

A group of youngsters from the Junior B home room were entertained with a candy party last Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Elliott. Various games were played and delicious home made candy was enjoyed by the following: Alma Hamilton, Mable Cottle, Berenice Williams, Bernice Pelfrey, Delma Collins and Dortha Williams and Charles Price, S. E. Craft, Lee Lykins, Paul Williams, Buford Turner and Paul Brown. All reported a fine time.

Defeats Self for Office

W. B. Ardery was the democratic nominee to succeed himself as Judge of the 14th judicial district. Under the name William B. Ardery the republicans had also nominated him as their candidate. W. B. Ardery the democrat received 14,449 votes; and William B. Ardery the republican received 14,449 votes.

REED

Lynn Boyd Reed son of John D. and Emberzetta Reed was born July 11, 1862, at White Oak, Morgan county. Deceased November 28, 1939, at his home in West Liberty.

He married Nan C. Purcell in 1881 and to this union was born six children—Joe F. Reed, Ashland; Bruce F. Reed, Lexington; and Roxie R. Castle, Winchester. Myrtle C. Reed, Tone N. Reed and Ola Harriet Reed preceded him in death some few years ago.

Nan C. Reed, his wife, died May 22, 1902. He married Sude Riffe, September 30, 1903, and to this union was born two children—Lucian B. Reed, Lexington; and Lenora Y. Hendrix, Middletown, Ohio. His two brothers—James M. Reed, West Liberty and Sam L. Reed, Caney, survive.

He leaves fourteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren, also hosts of friends and business associates. A member of the Methodist church 63 years and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was a successful business man, having dealt in timber for many years. He was actively engaged in farming his entire life.

One of the outstanding qualities of Mr. Reed's life was the way in which he handled his children. He took them under consideration and advisement in the early, tender part of their lives, making them partners in all his undertakings. At his death he was a large stockholder and a director in the Lexington Grocery Co. He was also interested in and was a stockholder in other wholesale grocery establishments, and the Winchester Milling Co., which are affiliated with the Lexington Grocery Co., and Sandy Valley Grocery Co.

Funeral services will be held in the home at West Liberty at 10:30 A.M. Friday, December 1. Interment in the Winchester cemetery, Winchester, at about 2:30 P.M. The funeral will be conducted by Rev. G. B. Trayner of Morehead, assisted by Rev. Harlan Murphy and Rev. Kenneth Clay of West Liberty.

Active pall bearers—Joe F. Reed, Bruce F. Reed, Lucian B. Reed, Aaron A. Hendrix, Boyd Castle and W. L. Murray.

Honorary pall bearers—Floyd Arnett, H. H. Howard, W. S. Potts, Jas. P. Oney, C. K. Stacy, Bill Wells, Dr. A. P. Gullett, W. A. Caskey, Roland Stacy, F. S. Brong, Auty McClain, Sam Spencer, W. H. Stacy, Dr. J. D. Whiteaker, W. M. Gardner, B. E. Whit, D. R. Keeton, S. Monroe Nickell, J. G. Stacy, Homer Elam, J. L. Blair, Ollie Blair, Custer Jones, Clay McGuire, Morgan county Ben Williamson Sr., Dan Henry, W. H. Gevedon, W. M. Foreman, John Collier, H. H. Wheeler, Ashland, Chas. E. Duff, R. H. Winn, Leslie Hendrix, Mt. Sterling, Walker Hampton, Jim Rose, R. P. Taylor, J. S. Castle, Winchester.

Kerr Bros., Lexington, will be in charge of the funeral.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

The annual birthday dinner in honor of J. W. Harper of Edna was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. P. Oney at West Liberty on Sunday, November 26.

The dinner was a combination of a Birthday and Thanksgiving which was prepared by the daughters and granddaughters of Mr. Harper.

The cake baked by Mrs. Oney which held the eighty-two candles was used for the occasion.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Lykins, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harper and daughter, Dora, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Harper and daughter, Nancy Ann, of Winchester, Mr. and Mrs. Birch Reed and children, Jackie, Betty Ann and Laura, of Caney, J. W. Harper, Mrs. Laura Whit and son, Ova Gene, Mr. and Mrs. Hager LeMaster and children, Orvil, and Oliva Clara and a Miss Johnson of Edna, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keeton and children, Jewel, Anna Laura, Carol Day and Janet Sue, of Salyersville and Paul Keeton of Hazard, J. M. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. P. Oney of West Liberty.

The group was joined in the evening by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Arnett of Winchester.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to Mrs. Oscar Arnett for the nice Angel Food cake for the occasion.

Mr. Harper received many nice gifts and all present expressed themselves as having such a nice time.

and his many friends.

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FARMERS' COLUMN

MORE INCOME FOR FARMERS

Improved income for farmers next year is the forecast in the annual outlook report of the Department of Markets and Rural Finance at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. Farmers will not only have more to sell next year, but they will receive higher prices according to the outlook at this time. This will be true especially for livestock, dairy products, poultry, fruit and vegetables, tobacco, cotton and wheat growers may not fare so well.

Concerning the 1940 burley tobacco crop, the report says: "Prices of burley tobacco from the 1940 crop should be similar to those of the last two seasons if production is held close to the annual consumption of about 315 million pounds."

The use of burley tobacco apparently has settled down to about 315 million pounds a year, with no reason to increase production. The present carry-over of burley is considered not excessive, but might become excessive by the growing of a big crop next year.

Effects of the war are discounted in the College's report. "Export demand on the whole is expected to be somewhat greater in 1940. Hasty conclusions, however, based on experience during the World War, should be avoided. . . . The capacity of the world for the production of basic foodstuffs and raw materials is considerably greater than in 1914 and the supply and demand situation for particular commodities is materially different."

The future for dark tobacco continues uncertain, the report sets forth the war has disrupted trade. However, if foreign exchange is available, tobacco doubtless will be purchased. Stocks of tobacco in foreign countries are said to be sufficient for two years.

The outlook for sheep, it is stated, is more favorable than for any other livestock, due to lack of material increase in sheep numbers. The war may be expected to help wool prices.

While beef cattle are increasing in numbers, being about two million head more than a year ago, "Kentucky cattlemen appear to be in a favorable position, as the fall season, when most Kentucky cattle are marketed, is expected to be a relatively stronger market."

With hogs, as well as with other meat animals, improved demand for meat, resulting from better times generally, may be expected to offset in a measure increased numbers.

Production of dairy products is expected to continue high, as the number of cows is increasing. However, there should be improved demand for dairy products as a result of improvement in business.

The outlook for Kentucky poultry raisers is considered rather unfavorable for the rest of this year and for the first half of next year. Heavy marketings of both poultry and eggs are expected, and prices may be lower than last year and lower than the 1928-37 average.

Phosphorus in Top Soil

An acre of soil to the depth of 6 or 7 inches weighs about 2,000,000 pounds. In this acre surface layer, many of the soils of the Bluegrass region of Kentucky contain 2,000 to 9,000 pounds of phosphorus, according to Prof. P. E. Karraker of the Kentucky College of Agriculture. The best bottom soil usually contains 1500 to 2,000 pounds of phosphorus, and the rest of the soils of Kentucky, 500 to 1,000 pounds, in the surface layer.

Good Management

Mason county farmers who cooperated with the county agricultural agent and the Kentucky College of Agriculture in demonstrating good poultry raising methods made an average of \$1.93 per hen in the year which ended Sept. 30, according to W. Howard Hardin, assistant county agent. Taking an average of the seven flocks, results were: hens per flock 12.5; eggs per hen 192; hens per acre 1.93.

87; hens died, 26; eggs per hen, 176; income per hen, \$3.16; expense per hen, \$1.23; profit per hen, \$1.93; highest flock profit per hen, \$2.77; lowest profit flock per hen, \$1.29.

WHEN FRUIT TREES BEAR

Don't be in a hurry to chop down an apple tree because it has not produced; it may not be old enough. The Northern Spy, for instance, does not bear much before it is 15 years old, according to fruit men at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

Most varieties common in Kentucky begin to bear apples in commercial quantities when 8 to 12 years old. These include Grimes Golden, Stayman, Winesap, Jonathan, Transparent York Imperial, Black Ben, Rome Beauty and Red Delicious.

Golden Delicious, on the other hand, begins producing apples in quantity when 4 to 5 years old, sometimes in the third year. Most peaches produce a light crop in their third year, and cherries begin to yield full crops about the sixth year.

Beef Cattle Pay

In reporting increased interest in the production of beef cattle, Thomas W. Morgan, Trigg county agent, tells how Mack Hopson made a profit of more than \$10,000 in feeding 312 cattle and a herd of hogs which followed the cattle. Adding in the profit on the hogs, the steers returned a net profit of \$23 each, after making allowance for their original cost and for all feed grown on the farm or purchased, as well as interest on the investment.

Mr. Hopson utilized alfalfa in his cattle feeding, both in pasture and hay production. The herd consumed almost 200 tons of hay, all produced on the farm.

With KENTUCKY Editors

Chicago, Nov. 28 (UP)—A spanking machine for use on couples who seek divorces over "trivialities" was suggested today by Superior Judge Oscar F. Nelson.

County Judge E. C. Ball Monday unleashed a tirade against the morals of Harlan county, charging "this county morally is just about gone" as he held under bond a group of 20 men and women arrested Sunday night at a road house at Red Bud.—Mt. Sterling Advocate.

Wayne Harr of Garrison and Boyd Thompson of Fullerton were arrested on a charge of unlawfully and willfully damaging and injuring a public building. Each of the defendants waived examining trial and were held under bonds of \$200 each to the February term of the Lewis circuit court.—Lewis County Herald.

When the state of Maine decided to observe its customary Thanksgiving Day—November 30—W. P. Carroll, 77, an ardent admirer of the President, preferred to follow the President's lead, so he hired two bands and marched in top hat and frock coat on Thanksgiving Day of the President's choice—November 23.—Dawson Springs Progress.

I don't guarantee this, but the fellow 'pon'd his word and honor so loud and long I think it's worth passing along. Said he: "If you fellows down there at Prestonsburg want to give rid of them rats, I'll tell ye how. Jest catch two—boar rats work best—and put 'em in a cage and let 'em stay there. Just let 'em stay—don't feed 'em a bite. After while one or 'tother of them rats will kill and eat 'tother's. Then turn him out. He'll kill and eat ever' rat he comes to. Yes, sir, it makes a ravin' cannibal and head-hunter put together out of a rat to do him thataway."—Floyd County Times.

The serio-comedy in which this country has indulged on the observation of the two Thanksgivings of 1939 has prompted all sorts of comment, wise-cracks, statistics, maps, etc. The final figures, which in political parlance might be described as the official count, show that twenty-four States, exactly one half of them, stayed by the old date. Twenty-two joined with Roosevelt in moving it up a week, and two others, Texas and Colorado, observed both days. New England, the birthplace of Thanksgiving, as might be expected, did not change, but most of the other Eastern States did. The Middle West generally continued on the old schedule. One town, LaCrosse, Wis., proclaimed the entire week, extending from one holiday to the other. In Kentucky we went against our State motto of "United we stand, divided we fall," and split on the two days.—Elizabeth News.

WHAT'S HAPPENED? In Europe



by Dr. Charles M. Knapp
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Headline news from Europe Sunday night related that Russia had sent a note to Finland charging that thirteen Soviet soldiers had been killed or wounded when Finnish artillery had fired seven shots into a village located on the Karelian Isthmus located between the Gulf of Finland and Lake Ladoga. At that point the Soviet capital of Leningrad is only thirty miles distant. Finland has denied the attack. Observers in Europe report that this incident, plus the demand by Russia that Finland withdraw her troops to a line twelve to sixteen miles back from the border, and the threatening attitude of editorial comment in the official Russian newspapers, indicate the possible intention of Russia to invade Finland as Poland was invaded. For a week Finnish-Russian negotiations have been broken off. Finland is now most vulnerable to attack, since, with winter having set in, the lakes have frozen over and now constitute no great hindrance to military movements. If Russia intends to force the issues with Finland she will probably do so soon.

European neutrals this past week have been greatly disturbed by the British-French announcement that they intend to enforce a blockade upon all German exports, even if carried upon neutral ships. Their purpose is to block off Germany from disposing of goods everywhere, and prevent her obtaining financial credit with which to purchase in neutral countries raw materials necessary for making war, and importing them through neighboring neutrals, such as Holland, Italy and the Scandinavian countries. The latter's protests have been vigorous, since it will greatly hinder their trade. However, Britain and France have replied that they will begin enforcement next Tuesday. Threatened with invasion by Germany and Russia on the one hand, and trade loss on the other by England and France, the neutrals at the close of the week found themselves in a very difficult and dangerous situation.

Except for reported air flights and a few air raids in which some planes on both sides were shot down, all has been as quiet as in previous weeks along the western front. Not so, however, has been the situation along the western coast of Britain. The sinking of the Dutch merchantman, "Simon Bolivar," last Sunday, November 22, by a mine, ushered in a reign of terror for shipping in the English channel, particularly in the Thames estuary. Nearly one hundred thousand tons of British and neutral shipping has been reported sunk in this area alone. Among the losses were the Japanese luxury liner "Terukuni Maru," on Tuesday, and two converted merchant cruisers sunk Sunday, the former Polish liner "Pilsudski," and the "Rawalpindi," formerly in the British-Orient trade. Both were big vessels of about fifteen thousand tons. The status of both was that of cruisers. The loss of life tonight is estimated in the neighborhood of three hundred.

Britain has charged that the losses of the week to shipping have been due to mines, not to torpedoes. These mines, they allege, are small, magnetic mines, dropped by parachute from airplanes, in waters along the English coast, dropped at night and left floating, unanchored, where they will. The greatest shipping losses of the war have been the result. Germany claims to have severely damaged the British cruiser "Belfast" in the Firth of Forth, have been admitted in part, by England. The French reported the sinking of three German submarines. Claims and counter-claims, and the censors, continue to leave us in doubt as to the real happenings.

BALANCED DIET OF PLANT FOOD NEEDED BY GROWING CROPS

CHICAGO.—Growing crops need a balanced diet of plant food from the soil, the same as human beings or livestock need a balanced ration in their foods, a bulletin issued by the Middle West Soil Improvement Committee points out.

"If certain plant food elements are missing from the soil, growing crops will develop weaknesses and a susceptibility to diseases," the bulletin declares.

"For the best crop yields and the rehabilitation of the soil, a careful balance of nitrogen, phosphorus and potash is necessary. Some soils require more of one element than another. Crops likewise vary in their fertilizer needs."

What analysis of commercial fertilizer is best for a farmer to use and how much he should apply will depend on a number of factors. The best way of finding out is to consult the soils and agronomy department of the state college and agricultural stations. They have information readily available and are eager to cooperate.

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THE young man in business who expects advancement should ask himself "Do I seek responsibility or do I merely brag about the things I will do and the decisions I will make when the right opportunities occur? Do I, in fact, leave the carrying out of hard jobs to others in the department and keep silent when assistance in solving problems is needed by others?" Leaders of business enterprises owe their present positions to the fact that they early demonstrated that they could bear responsibility and carry through difficult jobs.

Someone has said that to "stand out" in a group of workers, a man must first learn to "stand up." By this he meant that a man attracts the favorable attention of his superiors by showing ability to deal with difficult situations. It may be embarrassing to make a mistake, but the man who lets fear of embarrassment deter him from accepting responsibility will get nowhere.

The man who knows one thing well may be able to hold his job, but the individual who knows many things is the one who will be promoted when the opportunity occurs. Advancement comes to the man who already knows the duties of the job. The devotee of his part of one's spare time to what should not be regarded as a hobby, but as a privilege. The right use of one's leisure is perhaps the most important factor in business success.

Fertilizer Boosts Farm Income



CHICAGO.—One dollar out of every eleven received by American farmers from the sale of farm products of every kind annually represents income resulting from the use of fertilizer promoting increased crop yields.

At the same time, only one dollar out of every thirty-nine received from the sale of farm products is spent for fertilizer, according to a study of farm income.

"In 1938 farmers received \$7,538,000,000 for all agricultural products,

including livestock," a bulletin points out. "In the same year they paid \$192,000,000 for their commercial fertilizer. Thus the increased profits resulting from the use of fertilizer were \$678,420,000 or more than three dollars for every dollar spent. "While the price of fertilizer is lower by comparison than practically any other commodity the farmer buys, he spends less for it annually than for wages for hired help, feed for livestock, farm implements, gasoline or taxes."

BLIND HORSE PICKS FERTILIZED PLOT FOR BETTER GRASS

Equine Sleuth Is Advocate of Pasture Improvement.

GEORGETOWN, OHIO.—Believe it or not, a Brown county farmer owns a blind horse that can unerringly pick out the part of his pasture that has been fertilized.

How the sightless equine sleuth accomplishes this feat was described by G. H. Pulliam, county agricultural agent here. Mr. Pulliam assisted several Brown county farmers in laying out pasture improvement demonstrations last season. After the grass had time to respond to the fertilizer treatment, the farmers noticed that livestock would go directly to the improved areas to graze and move only to adjoining ground when the grass on the treated soil had been eaten down.

Know Their Pasture This was not regarded as unusual, for agronomists have noted the eagerness of livestock to graze fertilized areas, or spots where the soil was naturally more fertile. Lined and fertilized pasture produces a darker green grass, of more luxuriant growth and greater succulence than pasturage on untreated soil.

But one farmer reported that he owned a blind horse which could go alone to the improved pasture as unerringly as animals with normal vision.

"If a blind horse can find a small plot of improved pasture in a good sized field," Mr. Pulliam observed, "then it seems it's time human beings admitted the values obtained from pasture improvement."

"This is the first time in history anywhere that a blind horse has been a leader toward a better agricultural system."

Soil Improvement's Values The advantages of pasture improvement not only in Ohio but elsewhere were pointed out by the Middle West Soil Improvement Committee. Not only does improved pasture produce grass richer in minerals, but the fertilized grass grows more rapidly than grass on depleted land, a bulletin says. Thus it provides a diet essential to healthy growth and prevents the occurrence of deficiency diseases among livestock.

"A program of pasture improvement through the use of commercial fertilizers of recommended grades and analyses," says the bulletin, "is an investment that returns valuable dividends. It helps conserve the soil, prevents erosion and adds to the long range value of the farm."

The Youth in Business

By C. E. Johnston

Dean, Schools of Business
International Correspondence
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THERE has been much loose talk in this country about the effect of the continued mechanization of the business office on employment. It is frequently asserted that machines are replacing men and women in American offices. The young person who is about to choose a career should know the facts. The invention, manufacture, and use of office equipment has not only stimulated industrial activity, but has resulted in an enormous increase in the number of office employees.

The first practical typewriter was marketed in 1867 and in 1870 there were still only 174 stenographers and typists in the country. The first cash register was sold in 1879 and the first successful adding machine in 1888. The Hollerith tabulating machine was used to compute census figures in 1890. The addressograph was invented in 1892 and the mimeograph about the same time. Bookkeeping machines, calculating machines, dictating machines, automatic addressing machines, etc., were ultimately invented and greatly improved as time went on. It was years after these machines were first placed on the market that they were commonly employed in offices. By 1930, however, automatic office machinery was generally in use.

Let us now examine the figures respecting office employment as reported in the United States Census Reports.

Year	Number of Office Employees	Total Population
1870	74,221	38,558,000
1900	1,000,089	75,964,000
1930	4,025,324	122,775,000

What caused this enormous increase in the number of office employees between 1870 and the present day? The answer is clear. The use of office machines made it possible to obtain figures, valuable to management at so little cost that it is today profitable to employ great numbers of men and women in the preparation and interpretation of figures and reports, and in the supervision of persons so employed.

How Mt. Everest Was Named Mount Everest was so named in honor of Sir George Everest, a Welshman, who became surveyor general of India and had much to do with the making of adequate maps of the country. He lived from 1769 to 1866. The Indian name for the peak is Gaurisankar—the Mountain of the Gods.

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MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL PAGE

(Under Auspices of Ova O. Haney, County Supt.)

LIBERTY SCHOOL NEWS

The Morgan County High School Band with its director, W. C. Reeves, attended a musical clinic at Morehead Saturday of last week. Other bands attending the clinic were Russell, Paintsville, Ashland, Raceland and Louisa.

This clinic had a two-fold purpose. First, to get the band members to feel that they are part of a state musical organization, and second, the desire of the band directors for their pupils to play in veteran groups and to hear compositions played by expert bandsmen from Morehead, Ashland High and advanced players from other bands.

The Conger-Sants program offered in the high school auditorium the past week end was sponsored by the high school band. Due to many other activities during the week the attendance was very small. The band realized a net profit of \$9.36.

Due to a continued illness Mrs. Harold Nickell, Junior A sponsor, is unable as yet to meet her classes. Mrs. Kenneth Clay will substitute for her until she recovers.

Chapel Program

On Friday of last week at 9:40 Rev. Kenneth Clay, pastor of the Methodist church, addressed the student body in the high school auditorium. His subject was "Things We Should be Thankful For." His address was very inspiring. During his discourse he mentioned the fact that we should be thankful for health, thankful that we have religious freedom and above all that we are living in a country where democracy prevails.

BASKETBALL

On Thursday night of last week the West Liberty Red Devils defeated Ezel on the Frenchburg floor by a score of 22-3. Ezel was unable to score a field goal. The Red Devils showed much improvement over their previous games.

West Liberty—
F Peyton (10)
F Moore (1)
C Carpenter (4)
G Little (6)
G Price (1)

Substitutes: Lykins and Craft.

Ezel—
F Combs
F Haines
C Halsey (1)
G B. Ratliff (1)
G W. Ratliff (1)
Substitutes: Carr.

In a preliminary game West Liberty's second team defeated Ezel's second team by a score of 12-9. In this game S. E. Craft was easily the outstanding player of either team.

F. F. A.

The local F. F. A. chapter of Morgan County High School held its regular meeting Tuesday, November 28, during which a second vice president and an assistant secretary were elected. The purpose of electing the new vice president and secretary is that they may preside in the absence of the original president and secretary. The new vice president chosen was Ormond Lewis. The assistant secretary was Charles Rowland.

There was also newly appointed committees that will offer solutions to problems arising in our chapter in future meetings. The following boys were elected: Practice committee, Roger Lewis, chairman, Don Long, secretary, Eugene Neal, member; cooperative committee, chairman, Clay Ratliff, secretary, Robert Henry, member, Rudolph Walsh; leadership committee, chairman, Ormond Lewis, secretary, James Patrick, member, Gordon Lewis; earning and saving, chairman, Earl Ross, secretary, Walter Oldfield; chapter treasurer, Emerson Brown; conduct at meeting chairman, Wallace J. Brown, secretary, Ramond Hays, member, James Patrick; scholarship committee, chairman, Joseph Peyton, secretary, Don Long, member, Walter Oldfield; recreation committee, Curran Hale, secretary Paul Williams, member Ford Meadows; information committee, chairman Bill May, secretary Gordon Lewis; chapter reporter, Walter Oldfield; and auditing committee, chairman Ormond Lewis, secretary Bill May, member Don Long.

We hope that these boys will do their best on these committees.

The meeting was adjourned by our president, Ford Meadows.

WALTER OLDFIELD, Chapter Reporter.

Income Tax for Egypt
The last of the civilized world to adopt the levy, Egypt, has now become a tax payer.

Competent Band Master



W. C. REEVES
Director of Morgan County High School Band

We need music because it satisfies the deep feelings that stir us when we are sad and when we are happy. It is like a strong wind, a soft cloud, or a moving tide, that carries us out of our everyday selves into a world of the spirit of pure thoughts, of happiness, of sympathy, of fun, of aspiration; and then brings us back again refreshed and better able to do our work in the world.

Even the ancients loved music and the Biblical characters relied on it to soothe away their sorrow. Perhaps the best story that we have of what music meant to people in the early days is told by David, the shepherd boy of Israel. King Saul was ill. No one was able to cure him of the evil spirit that troubled him. Finally some one thought of David who could play so entrancingly, and he was summoned to play for the sick king. The king became well again through the power of music for the story tells us "Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him." A poet once said: "Music hath charm to soothe the savage breast." If this be true how much more can it do, for our own boys and girls!

We are proud today through the columns of the Licking Valley Courier to introduce to the public our energetic and competent band director, W. C. Reeves. This is the first year that a high school band has functioned in the schools of our county. We have shown in our story of Saul the effect that music may have on the individual and its effect upon a group is marvelous, for music itself is a social rather than individual thing.

W. C. Reeves was born at Denton, in Carter County, Kentucky. He received most of his musical education from the Morehead State Teachers College and comes to us highly recommended by that institution. He taught public school music and choral work in Carter County until he accepted the position as band director for the Morgan County High School, starting its work the latter part of October. His band has been highly complimented by band directors of repute. It received third place out of about

GREETINGS TO ALUMNI

Dear Alumni of M. C. H. S.: We the officers of the Morgan County Alumni Association desire to express to the alumni of the Morgan County High School every where our deep appreciation of their Alma Mater. We have watched her progress throughout these many years and today as we stand at the threshold and see a beautiful modern stone building, one of the most beautiful in the state, we stand in awe for a moment and pay tribute to her many graduates who have gone out into the world and are now successful citizens of our glorious nation. Some have left Kentucky and inhabited other states, but to them everywhere we send this greeting. Christmas is almost here—that time when we remember those who have endeared themselves to us, and we feel that for you to remember your Alma Mater at this time would be in keeping with the Christmas Spirit. We have written letters to you explaining the present condition of our school and the wonderful work that has been accomplished by our band which was only organized last year. We urge you to read this letter with an anxious, receptive heart and to respond to it cheerfully. Again we greet you and wish you Christmas joy and gladness.

Sincerely,
OVA O. HANEY, Supt. Morgan County Schools.

W. C. REEVES, Director, Morgan County High School Band.

County High School Band.
ELLA K. TURNER, Secretary and Treasurer Morgan County H. S. Alumni Association.

Two Home Games this Week

On Friday night of this week the local basketball team will meet the strong quintette of Blaine. Undoubtedly this will be one of the best games of the season.

On Saturday night of this week Hitches will play West Liberty on the latter's floor.

Show your interest in the local team by coming out to see both games.

Crockett Defeats Red Devils

On Wednesday of last week the local basketball team met its first defeat of the season by the strong Crockett team. Coach Burton reported that Crockett had a well coached team and would likely be a contender for the district championship this year. The game was played on the Crockett floor. Final score—Crockett 27, West Liberty 20.

Thanksgiving Holidays

Conforming to the Governor's proclamation, instead of the President's, pupils of the Morgan County High School will be dismissed from classes at 3:25 Wednesday afternoon for the Thanksgiving holidays. Classes will be resumed at 8:05 Monday morning.

The Courier brings you local news.

Starfish Digests Food

By 'Reverse' Process

The starfish reverses the usual gustatory and digestive procedure of fish and even humans, since instead of taking food into his stomach, he wraps his stomach around the food and digests it. When he gets through eating, he pulls his stomach back into his body and starts looking for another meal. Incidentally, oysters are his favorite meat.

"When a starfish finds a cluster of oysters, he wraps himself around it, with his star-like legs clutching the base of the cluster and the underside of his body, where his stomach is located, next to the tip of the oyster," said Dr. H. F. Prytherch, director of the United States biological laboratory on Piver's Island, North Carolina. "The starfish then exudes a fluid that has the effect of anesthetizing the oyster so that the main muscle will relax and the shell open."

"After the anesthetic takes effect and the shell opens, the starfish then pushes his stomach out of his own body, into the oyster shell and around the oyster, leaving it there until he has digested it completely. Then he repeats the process on another oyster."

In the northern oyster beds, and down as far as Chesapeake bay, starfish are among the worst enemies of the oystermen and eat up more than \$1,000,000 worth of oysters a year, according to Dr. Prytherch. But starfish are not very numerous as yet in North Carolina waters and oyster beds, so that they are not yet doing much damage. Dr. Prytherch is trying to work out a method of getting rid of starfish without injuring the oysters.

To show how voracious starfish are and the rate at which they eat oysters, Dr. Prytherch has had nine starfish in a laboratory tank for slightly more than four months, during which time they have opened and digested more than 1,400 oysters.

Use of Colored Glasses

May Be Habit Forming

Many colored eyeglasses are habit forming and should be used only on professional prescription, particularly by children. Few adults and fewer children have "supersensitive" eyes; normal eyes need the protection of tinted glasses only in extreme glaring sunlight, as when fishing, mountain climbing, or driving over long stretches of white pavement. Free wearing of colored glasses is liable to render eyes abnormally sensitive, and dependent upon artificial protection. Other vacation hints: Avoiding crowded bathing beaches may also avoid infantile paralysis and other dread diseases. Summer can be harder on children than winter, early sunrise and extended evenings making their active hours unduly long. Children often lose weight in summer, and reach school time browned but nervous, and far from rested. Special care is needed to see that they have adequate sleep; nine hours per night should be a minimum. Summer meals should be planned to assure the children their necessary milk, eggs, fish, etc., which they need to a much greater degree than desk-working adults.

Farm Land Loses Food

More than 54,700,000 tons of nitrogen, phosphorus and potash—the three major plant foods which make the production of crops possible—are removed from the soil of American farms every year by erosion, harvested crops, leaching, burning and other causes. Commercial fertilizers and manures are believed to restore only 18 per cent of the nitrogen loss, 44 per cent of the phosphorus loss and about 6 per cent of the potash loss. While programs to promote soil conservation are being effectively supported by the U. S. department of agriculture, soil scientists, teachers, agricultural colleges and county agents, the need for a more universal use of fertilizer is shown by the fact that the consumption of fertilizers in the United States annually is at the rate of a little more than a ton per farm.

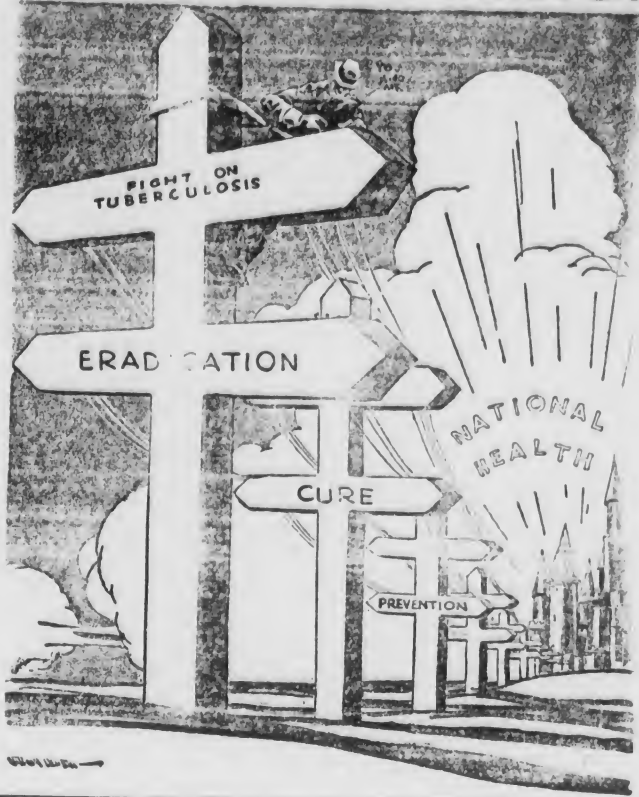
Picking Pullets Fed Oats

The picking pullet's desire to eat up her sisters is easily overcome by adding oats to her diet, says the Washington Experiment station, in the Country Home Magazine. Oat hulls or oat millfeed will do the trick. But oat hull ash or oat ash will not cure cannibalism.

Contour Plowing

Thomas Jefferson pioneered a theory of government that has had millions of followers since he was President of the United States; but when he urged all farmers to plow on the contours instead of up and down slopes, he did not get enough converts in over 100 years to carry a township election. People believe that the soil is eternal but they forget that its particles are just as well satisfied to spend eternity in the sea as on the hillside.

PUTTING THE LINE THROUGH



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